

TALKING POINTS:

**LAUSD DATA: Los Angeles Unified Sharing Data for Accessibility, Transparency, and Accountability
(Res 021 17/18)**

Sponsored Board Vice President Nick Melvoin

Good afternoon Superintendent Ekchian, Madame President and Members of the Board:

- My name is Carla Lopez, I am the Program and Policy Coordinator for the Alliance for a Better Community. We are here in support of the resolution **Los Angeles Unified Sharing Data for Accessibility, Transparency, and Accountability** and ask for a yes vote.
- The Alliance for a Better Community (ABC) is a Los Angeles based policy and advocacy organization dedicated to closing the Latino student achievement gap by ensuring that all students have access to high quality schools and graduate high school college and career ready.
- We believe that in order to effectively address the Latino student achievement gap that continues to persist throughout LAUSD schools, the District and school leaders, advocates and parents must have access to and utilize student data in order to identify challenges, trends, and progress on key educational indicators and benchmarks.
- This resolution represents more than accountability and transparency. It represents a significant first step in making data more readily accessible to public stakeholders.

- An Open Data Portal will demonstrate the District, encourages and wants to partner with parents, advocates, researchers, and other stakeholders in achieving our common goal of 100% graduation and college and career readiness.
- Over the years ABC and its partners have relied on District data to highlight disparities in achievement, resource allocation, and teacher placement.
- This data has allowed us to effectively advocate for our highest needs Latino students whether through the A G campaign, school construction program or public school choice.
- Now as we are partnering with the District in Closing the Gap between high school graduation and college eligibility rates and working to create greater access for families to high quality schools by creating greater equity in our enrollment process—data remains an essential tool that guides our work.
- Through an Open Data Portal, the District is equipping stakeholders with the information it needs to have deeper engagement, be active partners and drivers in the development of policies and practices necessary to support all of our students.
- ABC asks for your leadership and support of this resolution.
- We ask you for a yes vote to develop an Open Data Portal an important tool to better serve the thousands of families who depend on LAUSD.